panfcere like unto the snaaragdyne " seems to be an inapt descrip-
tion of this Cat, unless indeed the eyes be referred to. The
ancients ascribed to it a most fragrant odour. As with the Tiger,
a northern variety of this Carnivore has a closer and longer fur.
There is a tendency towards melanism in this animal, the black
Leopard being comparatively common, particularly, it appears, in
h%h lands. Several other variations in colour are known. These
have received different specific names ; but it seems that there is
in reality but one species of Leopard. The Leopard can climb
with the agility of any Cat. Sir S. Baker reserves the name
Panther for large Leopards, which reach a length of 7 feet
6 inches. But there is no valid distinction between any two
such varieties. The Leopard is as ferocious as the Tiger; and
Sir Samuel Baker advises that the power of the human eye
be not experimented with when meeting imam.,*! one of these
brutes.

The Snow Leopard or Ounce, *F. uncia,* is a beautiful creature,

Pio. 195.—Snow Leopard, *Fdis uncfa.*

confined to the highlands of Central Asia. The ground-colour is
white, and the spots are larger than those of the ordinary Leopard.
Two examples of this rather rare Carnivore have been recently
on view in the Zoological Society's Gardens, London. The
Clouded Leopard, jP. *nebvl&sa,* is an animal of considerable size
(6 feefc total length>